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SUBJECT: GUB VOTE ON KOREA ISSUE AT UNGA

REF: (A) STATE 266851 (B) USUN 5712

1. PER REF A, WE ARE SEEKING APPOINTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER GENERAL TIN OO (HLA PHONE IS IN THE PRC WITH NE WIN) TOWARD END OF THIS WEEK TO MAKE OUR DEMARCHE BEFORE KOREAN ISSUE COME TO VOTE IN PLENARY ABOUT NOVEMBER 18; AMBASSADOR IS CURRENTLY UP-COUNTRY AND WILL RETURN TO RANGOON AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 13.

2. IN VIEW REF B, WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY WHAT WE INTEND TO DO AND WHAT THEIR APPROACH WILL BE. JAPANESE NOT ADVISED OF WORKING GROUP SESSION AT UN (REF B) AT WHICH IT WAS AGREED JAPAN WOULD UNDERTAKE EFFORT TO SWITCH GUB VOTE FOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION TO ABSTENTION; HOWEVER, THEY ARE PREPARED TO MAKE THIS APPROACH ANYWAY. FOLLOWING OCTOBER 29 VOTE, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH MFA DIRECTOR-GENERAL MAUNG MAUNG GYEE FOR EXPLANATION OF BURMESE POSITION. THIS FINALLY GRANTED NOVEMBER 11 BUT CANCELLED BY MFA AT LAST MINUTE DUE TO "URGENT BUSINESS" (IN FACT, MAUNG MAUNG GYEE JOINED PARTY TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PEKING AT LAST MINUTE). MFA SAID IT WOULD RESCHEDULE APPOINTMENT

BUT HAS YET TO DO SO AND JAPANESE SUSPECT BURMESE ATTEMPTING TO
AVOID FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS ON KOREAN QUESTION UNTIL AFTER
PLENARY VOTE. IF, HOWEVER MFA APPOINTMENT GRANTED THIS WEEK,
JAPANESE WILL MAKE PITCH FOR CHANGE IN BURMESE VOTE. NEITHER
JAPANESE NOR OURSELVES PARTICULARLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE POS-
SIBILITY OF ANY CHANGE IN THE GUB POSITION ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF
NE WIN'S CURRENT VISIT TO CHINA AND HIS PUBLIC REAFFIRMATION
THERE OF BURMA'S OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN MILITARY BASES (FBIS
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